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## Salem Maritime National Historic Site

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### Park Announces New Seasonal Hours of Operation at the Salem Regional Visitor Center

**SALEM, MA**-The National Park Service is announcing a seasonal change to the hours of operation for the Salem Regional Visitor Center (2 New Liberty St.) effective November 1. The Visitor Center will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-5pm beginning on November 1 and on select holidays including Martin Luther King Day (1/16) and Presidents' Day (2/20). The change will not affect the operating hours of Salem Maritime National Historic Site, which will remain open to the public seven days a week.

"We're committed to offering access and information to our visitors and remaining engaged with the Salem community as we move into the quieter visitor season," said Superintendent Paul DePrey. "Our new Eastern National outlet, Waite and Pierce, housed in the former Orientation Center (193 Derby Street) will be open 7 days a week from 10am-5pm. Waite and Pierce offers visitor information, a unique shopping experience and ties to Salem's history of global trade."

Visitors to Salem will continue to be able to explore the wharves, historic buildings and exhibits of Salem Maritime National Historic Site. Free Ranger-led tours will be offered Wednesday through Sunday: 1:00pm for the Custom House and 2:30pm for the Derby and Narbonne Houses. In order to protect these historic resources, there are limits on tour sizes, therefore reservations are required. Please call (978) 740-1650 or stop by the Visitor Center (2 New Liberty St.) on the day of your visit to make a reservation. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.nps.gov/sama](http://www.nps.gov/sama) or call 978-740-1650.

#### About Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Salem Maritime National Historic Site was designated in 1937, the first National Historic Site in the National Park system. The nine acre site includes the homes of merchant and mariner families, the US Custom House in which the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne worked, and a replica of the three-masted cargo vessel *Friendship of Salem*. Today, the park rangers, staff and volunteers of Salem Maritime continue to inform and inspire visitors with the maritime history of New England and the United States.

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